

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice~~ speech recognition unit, comprising:
  - a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related;
  - an extractor that extracts a desired dictionary, the frequency of use of which is high, out of said speech recognition dictionaries as a list of queuing words;
  - a selector that selects ~~[[a]]~~ the desired dictionary out of the speech recognition dictionaries;
  - a storage that stores the desired dictionary selected by said selector as a list of queuing words at a higher-order hierarchy than a hierarchy set beforehand together with ~~[[the]]~~ a normal dictionary extracted by said extractor; and
  - a recognizer that recognizes input ~~voice~~ speech by comparing the input ~~voice~~ speech and the list of queuing words stored in said storage.
2. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of speech recognition dictionaries comprises:
  - a classification dictionary storing ~~[[the]]~~ classification names of institutions; and
  - an institution dictionary storing ~~[[the]]~~ names of institutions which belong to ~~a type of~~ institutions every type respective classifications of institutions.
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of speech recognition dictionaries comprises:

an area dictionary storing area names; and

an institution dictionary storing the names of institutions existing in ~~any area every area~~  
respective areas.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A-voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 2, wherein said selector selects the institution dictionary as ~~[[a]]~~ the desired dictionary.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~4-A-voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 3, wherein said selector selects the institution dictionary as ~~[[a]]~~ the desired dictionary.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A-voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 4, wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice as queuing words; and

wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary which belongs to a dictionary selected by said selector and which is located at a low-order hierarchy of the recognized voice extracts as queuing words.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A-voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 5, wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice as queuing words; and

wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary which belongs to a dictionary selected by said selector and which is located at a low-order hierarchy of the recognized voice extracts as queuing

words.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice~~ speech recognition method for a ~~voice~~ speech recognition unit having a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related, said method comprising the steps of:

preparing dictionaries classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand together with a dictionary for narrowing down at a high-order hierarchy as objects of recognition; and

recognizing input ~~voice~~ speech by using the dictionaries classified according to at least one ~~[[the]]~~ narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand and the dictionary for narrowing down at a high-order hierarchy,

wherein the dictionaries classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand are dictionaries the frequency of use of which is high.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice~~ speech recognition unit, comprising:

a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related;

an extractor that extracts a desired dictionary out of the speech recognition dictionaries as a list of queuing words;

a storage that stores the list of queuing words in the dictionary extracted by said extractor; and

a recognizer that recognizes input ~~voice~~ speech by comparing the input ~~voice~~ speech and the list of queuing words stored in said storage;

wherein when ~~voice~~ speech is recognized by said recognizer, said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized ~~voice~~ speech as queuing words and said storage stores the low-order dictionary extracted by said extractor; [[and]]

a queuing word related to the recognized ~~voice~~ speech out of the queuing words stored in said storage when the ~~voice~~ speech is recognized is stored as an object of comparison in succession, and

a dictionary classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand, the frequency of use of which is high.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice~~ speech recognition method for recognizing input ~~voice~~ speech by extracting a desired dictionary out of a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related as a list of queuing words, storing the list of queuing words in the extracted dictionary and comparing input ~~voice~~ speech and the list of the stored queuing words, said method comprising the steps of:

extracting a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized ~~voice~~ speech when ~~voice~~ speech is recognized;

storing the extracted dictionary; [[and]]

storing a queuing word related to the recognized ~~voice~~ speech out of the queuing words stored when the ~~voice~~ speech is recognized as an object of comparison in succession, and

extracting a dictionary classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set

by a use beforehand, the frequency of use of which is high.